FAILURE OF THE POTATO CROP.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 6 March, 1891;—*for*,

REPORT on the FAILURE of the POTATO CROP and the CONDITION of the POORER CLASSES in the WEST of IRELAND.

(*Mr. Balfour.*)

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REPORT

ON THE

FAILURE OF THE POTATO CROP AND THE CONDITION OF THE POORER CLASSES IN THE WEST OF IRELAND.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
DUBLIN, 16*th February*, 1891.

SIR,

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to state that they have had conferences with their Inspectors and have received reports from them, from time to time, as to the failure of the potato crop and the condition and prospects of the poorer classes throughout the country, and the Board submit the following observations for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant :—

I.

The districts in which the disease has appeared comprise about one-half of Ireland. On light dry soils with a limestone substratum and on well-drained lands the potato crop was in some places excellent and generally not very far short, but in cold wet inferior lands and in mountain districts the failure everywhere was very serious. In the eastern counties of Ulster the crop was generally a good one; in Leinster and part of Munster it was fair except in a few localities; but westward of an imaginary line drawn from Derry to Kinsale, and on to the shores of the Atlantic, the blight extended, spreading and increasing in severity until its worst effects were manifested along the whole extent of the seaboard from Donegal to west Cork. It would moreover appear from the Inspectors' reports that it is in those parts of the West where chronic poverty prevails and where the potato is the staple food of the people that the failure has been most complete.

State of potato crop and general harvest, and the condition of the poorer classes.

(*a.*) Districts affected.

Owing to the remarkable unevenness of the crop in every district the Inspectors have felt some difficulty in estimating the extent of the loss, but their reports appear to point to the conclusion that in the western unions the crop was from one-half to one-third of the average yield, while in some of the most congested districts, such as Kilcar in Donegal, Belmullet, Achill, and Louisburg in Mayo, Connemara, Galway, and parts of west Cork, the crop was hardly one-fourth of the usual return.

(*b.*) Estimate of the loss.

The same causes of failure are everywhere noted. The old champion seed, the disease-resisting properties of which have greatly weakened of late years, planted late in worn-out and badly cultivated lands made no growth against the heavy rains and want of sunshine. The young plants were killed, the stalks struck by the blight decayed into the ground, and the bulk of the tubers that escaped the disease failed to mature. In this respect the failure of the crop this year differs altogether from that of 1879. Contrasting the reports now received with those made by our Inspectors in 1879 we find that in 1879, while the disease injured nearly half the crop in every part of Ireland, the potatoes that were saved, though inferior in some districts, were usually saleable and fit for consumption. This year the failure was serious only in the western

(*c.*) Cause of failure.

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unions, and, although the weight of the crop was not much below that of 1879, about one-third of the tubers raised was neither suitable for food nor saleable in the market, and, at the date of this report, latest advices to hand show that in the poorest districts the supply is nearly exhausted.

(d.) General harvest.

The reports received as to the corn crops are generally favourable; a good deal still remains unthreshed among the small holdings in the West, and the price is about fifteen per cent. higher than last year. In parts of Donegal and Limerick some damage was occasioned by the heavy rains. Green crops are everywhere reported to be fully equal to the average.

(e.) Resources of the people.

The occupiers of small holdings are stated to have in every district the usual quantity of cattle, sheep, and fowl. Pigs are very scarce as they were disposed of before Christmas at reduced prices, the people having no prospect of being able to feed them. The migratory labourers returned with their earnings in November after a good season, and the other resources of the people, such as fishing, kelp making, and home industries, were last season productive of about the usual profit. Some of the Inspectors have noted that as the people had a succession of three prosperous years they are less indebted to the shopkeepers than they have been for many years past.

In brief, the substance of the Inspectors' reports appears to be this;—that apart from the potato crop the small farmers are well circumstanced, but they are confronted with a greater scarcity of potatoes than they have experienced for over thirty years, and this fact will cause distress in each locality according to the extent to which the people rely for subsistence upon the potato.

The time when the people were entirely dependent on the potato has long gone by, and, in every part of the West, bread, tea, stirabout, milk, and sometimes salt fish or eggs, form items of daily consumption. Some of the Inspectors estimate the loss of the potato crop to be equivalent to the loss of the mid-day meal and a portion of the supper for part of the year, and this estimate may probably be taken to apply to the greater part of all the western unions, where the small holders have other resources besides the land. But there are certain congested districts in the western counties where exceptional poverty prevails, and where the occupiers of land endeavour to live altogether on the produce of their small holdings, and in these localities, where life is a struggle at the best of times, the potato is the mainstay of the people, and its loss would mean a much more serious deprivation. In districts thus situated the people are usually able to obtain food on credit during the two or three months immediately preceding the harvest, but this year credit has been demanded at a much earlier period, and although the shopkeepers are willing to advance goods late in the season, when they are in a position to form some opinion as to the harvest prospects, they are reluctant to do so at present while uncertainty exists as to how the people will be situated when the present crisis is passed.

II.

II. Relief measures.

(a.) Poor Relief Statistics

The Local Government Board annex a return showing the number of persons in receipt of poor relief in the distressed unions at the close of each week from the 1st November to the 7th inst. It will be observed that the out-door relief has increased by about 4,450 persons during the three months, and that of this number over 1,300 belong to the four unions of Clifden, Westport, Belmullet, and Clonakilty. The average poor-rate in these unions is in Clifden, 3*s.* 5*d.*, in Westport, 1*s.* 10*d.*, in

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Belmullet, 3*s.* 4*d.*, and in Clonakilty, 1*s.* 8*d.* Relief works are in operation at the present time in fourteen unions, viz.:—Glenties, Killala, Belmullet, Westport, Ballina, Clifden, Ballinrobe, Oughterard, Galway, Skibbereen, Bantry, Skull, Clonakilty, and Castletown, the total number employed being about 7,000. These figures do not, however, represent the extent of the distress throughout the country, as the construction of the Light Railways in the congested districts is giving employment to several thousand people, many of whom would otherwise become a charge upon the poor rates.

In districts where no such employment is available the numbers relieved out of the workhouse, or on relief works, will afford some indication of the destitution which prevails, inasmuch as the Inspectors consider that the precautionary measures adopted for confining the employment to the necessitous families are efficient, and enable the works to be carried out with a minimum of abuse. Many of the Inspectors report that they find the relief works are in themselves a test of destitution, as, owing to the low rate of wages and the amount of work exacted, only persons who are really destitute are willing to work. This is not the case, however, in a few of the very poor districts where there is much chronic poverty and no employment of the ordinary kind at any time available. In these localities the people, though not destitute, would be glad to earn even small wages upon relief works. (*b.*) Relief Works.

The Board also annex a return showing the proceedings under the Seed Potatoes Supply Act up to the present date. (*c.*) Seed potatoes.

Applications for loans amounting to over £276,000 have been made by 105 unions. The amount advanced under the Seed Supply Act of 1880 was £598,306 to 153 unions; but, although there seems no reason to doubt that the seed is in many localities as urgently needed this year as it was in 1880, the falling off in the total amount applied for may be attributed to the fact that the Guardians are acting under greater restrictions and with more caution than characterised their proceedings on the former occasion.

The Board received early intimation that a deficiency of turf was to be apprehended in some districts, that the supply coming to market was very short, and the price probably beyond the reach of the poorer classes. Under these circumstances, and further taking into consideration the threatened severity of the winter, it was deemed advisable to place certain Boards of Guardians in a position to deal with any distress which might be occasioned from want of fuel. The Board, therefore, with the authority of Government, have permitted the Guardians of thirteen unions, where scarcity of fuel were anticipated, to defray from the rates any necessary expenditure in granting out-door relief in fuel to poor persons whose health might be imperilled by their inability to procure it for themselves, but, up to the present, Guardians have not in any instance found it necessary to exercise the power thus provisionally placed within their discretion. (*d.*) Turf supply.

III.

The reports of the Inspectors show that as yet the distress has been confined to a few of the most congested districts in the West, and to the labouring classes and fishermen in the South who depend on the produce of their allotments to help them over the winter months until the fishing and spring work commence; but it is anticipated that the pressure for relief will become more general from the present time until the beginning of April. After that date a falling-off in the numbers to be relieved may be expected as the migratory labourers will leave the country, the food supply of Conclusions.

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the people round the coast will be increased by the fishing, and the spring work will afford employment to the labourers. It is well here to note that the Inspectors are of opinion that the people will not be deterred from going to England or pursuing their ordinary avocations by the prospect of obtaining employment on relief works.

The Local Government Board, in view of the possible increased demand for relief, have caused the Boards of Guardians, where necessary, to strengthen their relief staffs; and the Relieving Officers are instructed to visit every division in their district each week and watch closely the condition of the poor, and the Inspectors are satisfied that relief in cases of sudden or urgent necessity is within easy reach of the poor in all parts of the country.

A return is appended to this Report giving information in detail concerning the Unions which have been most affected by the failure of the potato crop.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. A. MOONEY,

Secretary.

To

The Under Secretary,

Dublin Castle.

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APPENDIX.

RETURNS SHOWING

(1). Number of Persons in Receipt of Relief.

(2). Proceedings under Seed Potatoes Supply (Ireland) Act, 1890.

(3). Summary of Information, &c.

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(1.)—Number of persons

Counties and Unions.	Numbers in Workhouses at close of week ended														
	1st Nov., 1890.	8th Nov., 1890.	15th Nov., 1890.	22nd Nov., 1890.	29th Nov., 1890.	6th Dec., 1890.	13th Dec., 1890.	20th Dec., 1890.	27th Dec., 1890.	3rd Jan., 1891.	10th Jan., 1891.	17th Jan., 1891.	24th Jan., 1891.	31st Jan., 1891.	7th Feb., 1891.
Donegal.															
Inishowen,	105	107	103	103	117	120	122	124	120	116	116	120	123	121	131
Dunfanaghy,	23	23	23	24	26	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	27	25	27
Glenties,	96	97	102	103	101	96	96	98	97	98	98	103	100	99	101
Stranorlar,	56	56	63	59	60	65	66	68	68	70	71	71	71	71	71
Donegal,	58	58	57	59	60	62	67	66	65	65	67	65	66	63	71
Leitrim.															
Manorhamilton,	113	124	121	126	124	125	128	127	120	121	123	127	124	129	129
Carrick-on-Shannon,	144	148	148	150	154	154	158	147	147	150	159	150	152	159	168
Cavan.															
Bawnboy,	64	67	69	67	68	69	68	67	68	69	73	70	76	67	68
Roscommon.															
Boyle,	212	209	219	206	203	202	200	200	195	201	201	208	207	209	208
Strokestown,	122	117	112	115	118	118	124	109	113	111	110	114	116	121	117
Castlerea,	195	199	201	203	209	205	203	199	195	202	206	215	225	213	214
Sligo.															
Sligo,	256	258	262	264	263	257	256	256	263	263	270	273	280	285	285
Tobercurry,	98	98	101	105	105	109	104	105	101	97	98	102	100	101	101
Dromore West,	59	62	62	63	63	64	64	63	60	61	60	62	61	59	59
Mayo.															
Ballina,	162	162	165	169	173	177	181	178	166	161	166	170	179	185	188
Killala,	56	57	58	61	57	59	58	58	56	58	58	53	55	54	56
Belmullet,	96	95	97	96	95	96	95	93	96	97	99	96	93	95	95
Westport,	170	166	165	166	169	179	176	175	176	168	179	170	176	171	174
Castlebar,	71	72	71	75	75	74	74	75	71	76	78	82	80	77	78
Swineford,	179	179	188	186	188	191	195	197	180	184	190	190	190	196	194
Claremorris,	119	123	117	124	123	121	124	123	120	118	118	118	125	130	123
Ballinrobe,	169	167	167	168	174	180	176	172	181	172	174	172	177	175	173

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IN RECEIPT OF RELIEF.

Numbers in receipt of Out-Door Relief at close of week ended															Counties and Unions.
1st Nov., 1890.	8th Nov., 1890.	15th Nov., 1890	22nd Nov. 1890.	29th Nov., 1890.	6th Dec., 1890.	13th Dec., 1890.	20th Dec., 1890.	27th Dec., 1890.	3rd Jan., 1891.	10th Jan., 1891.	17th Jan., 1891.	24th Jan., 1891.	31st Jan., 1891.	7th Feb., 1891.	
															Donegal.
248	248	248	248	248	248	248	248	248	241	242	242	242	241	241	Inishowen.
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	6	6	6	Dunfanaghy.
78	78	84	82	83	84	84	86	87	106	106	107	108	118	118	Glenties.
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	7	6	6	6	6	Stranorlar.
40	41	39	39	35	35	40	37	35	32	33	32	35	36	45	Donegal.
															Leitrim.
151	150	150	150	150	150	150	151	150	154	154	155	154	154	155	Manorhamilton.
252	249	260	269	272	279	283	307	307	303	306	318	315	330	332	Carrick-on-Shannon.
															Cavan.
190	190	187	190	185	185	193	186	186	186	154	163	160	165	165	Bawnboy.
															Roscommon.
350	358	357	357	365	368	370	365	365	367	370	378	377	397	397	Boyle.
362	367	366	368	369	368	362	363	360	362	362	361	361	360	359	Strokestown.
301	302	302	303	308	309	313	389	407	408	409	331	355	375	381	Castlerea.
															Sligo.
391	405	402	401	396	398	404	414	423	426	419	440	437	453	447	Sligo.
293	293	292	289	298	308	307	322	325	340	339	335	344	347	387	Tobercurry.
177	177	177	177	180	180	181	181	206	216	216	216	216	231	231	Dromore West.
															Mayo.
428	440	437	428	437	437	431	422	430	421	418	427	425	431	452	Ballina.
301	309	309	303	303	304	312	314	314	314	317	314	314	321	332	Killala.
32	36	32	36	60	114	70	145	139	105	87	105	138	175	184	Belmullet.
80	86	85	91	106	123	206	249	335	347	452	630	553	223	326	Westport.
288	291	291	282	282	282	268	277	277	263	279	281	294	304	324	Castlebar.
158	167	173	218	220	232	246	274	330	389	482	604	870	899	856	Swineford
325	325	342	342	342	342	342	342	342	353	353	353	353	353	366	Claremorris.
260	263	268	270	271	271	278	326	325	351	338	342	285	309	313	Ballinrobe.

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(1.)—Number of Persons

Counties and Unions.	Numbers in Workhouses at close of week ended														
	1st Nov., 1890.	8th Nov., 1890.	15th Nov., 1890	22nd Nov., 1890.	29th Nov., 1890.	6th Dec., 1890.	13th Dec., 1890.	20th Dec, 1890.	27th Dec., 1890	3rd Jan., 1891.	10th Jan., 1891.	17th Jan, 1891.	24th Jan, 1891.	31st Jan., 1891.	7th Feb, 1891.
Galway.															
Clifden,	100	100	105	104	100	101	104	101	100	105	110	108	105	125	120
Oughterard,	82	85	84	83	83	82	86	85	83	83	84	86	85	89	88
Galway,	347	363	359	360	368	372	375	364	365	358	376	385	392	390	384
Gort,	172	179	192	191	183	182	182	176	174	181	174	174	182	186	182
Loughrea,	130	134	136	132	135	132	139	137	136	143	148	143	145	143	141
Ballinasloe,	237	241	246	248	246	247	252	248	246	262	266	270	264	248	251
Mount Bellew,	89	89	85	90	90	88	91	84	82	82	84	96	93	91	94
Glennamaddy,	104	107	107	109	107	110	110	104	103	104	108	113	112	110	111
Tuam,	202	197	201	204	198	194	198	201	198	195	196	190	197	198	200
Clare															
Ballyvaghan,	93	97	95	99	103	103	99	99	95	94	99	96	98	97	94
Ennistymon,	246	251	245	248	249	247	249	245	238	232	239	243	250	257	240
Kilrush,	308	308	319	328	335	321	322	320	315	312	309	310	318	320	319
Killadysert,	113	114	114	115	115	117	118	118	118	118	120	122	122	121	117
Tulla,	181	181	182	180	186	180	185	177	174	176	176	182	172	179	176
Scariff,	116	108	112	111	112	111	109	107	110	110	109	117	111	117	113
Kerry.															
Dingle,	174	174	171	177	181	177	181	174	172	170	176	186	183	184	187
Kenmare,	99	100	91	89	90	90	86	86	88	96	92	94	94	82	78
Cork															
Castletown,	82	83	81	79	77	76	75	73	71	72	73	74	78	80	82
Bantry,	80	85	84	85	84	84	83	92	89	86	86	87	88	90	92
Dunmanway,	92	94	93	91	91	93	98	95	97	95	102	99	103	101	98
Skull,	78	82	79	82	79	78	74	74	73	73	73	74	77	77	84
Skibbereen,	245	247	245	244	246	252	257	257	258	255	257	252	250	243	250
Clonakilty,	182	179	187	192	202	210	211	209	204	212	217	216	220	227	225
Kanturk,	372	378	389	378	391	399	389	387	375	383	384	392	401	398	390

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IN RECEIPT OF RELIEF—*continued.*

Numbers in receipt of Out-door Relief at close of week ended															Counties and Unions.
1st Nov., 1890	8th Nov., 1890.	15th Nov., 1890.	22nd Nov., 1890	29th Nov., 1890.	6th Dec., 1890.	13th Dec., 1890.	20th Dec., 1890.	27th Dec., 1890	3rd Jan., 1891.	10th Jan., 1891.	17th Jan., 1891.	24th Jan., 1891.	31st Jan., 1891.	7th Feb., 1891.	
															Galway.
161	161	190	190	182	182	302	302	287	545	698	669	725	694	557	Clifden.
19	19	19	29	29	76	76	76	76	76	76	78	80	96	102	Oughterard
218	223	227	258	235	235	234	249	248	245	261	262	285	307	332	Galway.
234	234	234	234	234	234	234	234	234	234	234	234	265	265	265	Gort.
327	322	326	325	336	326	332	345	337	331	338	346	340	361	366	Loughrea.
97	95	102	119	124	121	127	127	136	156	159	176	169	147	150	Ballinasloe.
70	82	82	83	84	82	83	83	82	82	82	81	88	97	100	Mount Bellew.
186	185	192	188	188	186	186	193	193	193	185	203	205	216	218	Glennamaddy.
567	570	571	570	575	574	577	579	581	583	577	587	600	615	610	Tuam.
															Clare.
–	–	–	–	9	9	17	17	17	17	17	17	32	32	40	Ballyvaghan.
177	197	205	224	245	251	257	265	297	302	325	327	331	343	349	Ennistymon.
605	631	663	750	745	775	807	874	849	856	858	866	895	889	891	Kilrush.
213	213	211	209	208	208	207	208	208	212	213	220	222	212	212	Killadysert.
151	151	150	150	150	150	148	148	150	159	151	157	160	160	161	Tulla
80	77	77	81	81	96	96	98	98	94	98	113	113	61	139	Scariff
															Kerry.
65	64	63	64	64	70	73	73	73	73	73	74	74	78	81	Dingle.
395	393	393	405	404	407	421	420	420	425	400	380	389	389	385	Kenmare.
															Cork.
107	108	108	119	119	119	130	130	130	135	137	144	149	147	146	Castletown.
202	198	200	205	196	192	222	284	280	277	393	226	265	276	312	Bantry.
283	283	283	305	313	314	313	328	314	316	311	315	327	332	354	Dunmanway.
272	282	282	292	292	312	312	324	324	324	324	324	324	372	372	Skull.
478	479	480	489	516	518	529	529	547	573	573	567	585	801	855	Skibbereen.
305	298	302	307	314	318	324	335	333	333	419	371	1,093	800	837	Clonakilty.
731	743	769	798	796	796	807	810	804	803	793	820	847	873	869	Kanturk.

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2.—LOANS UNDER SEED POTATOES SUPPLY (IRELAND), ACT, 1890.

A.—Amounts applied for by Boards of Guardians.

Unions	No of Electoral Divisions in respect of which Loans have been applied for.	Amount applied for by Guardians, 1891		
		£	s.	d.
PROVINCE OF ULSTER.				
Co. Cavan.				
Bailieborough, . .	10	800	0	0
Bawnboy, . . .	20	812	0	0
Cavan, ...	Union.	2,700	0	0
Co. Donegal.				
Ballyshannon, . . .	20	3,247	0	0
Donegal, .	17	1,636	0	0
Dunfanaghy, . . .	6	406	0	0
Glenties, . . .	Union.	6,036	0	0
Inishowen, .	13	876	0	0
Letterkenny, . . .	3	200	0	0
Milford, ...	5	198	12	0
Stranorlar, . . .	Union.	300	0	0
Co. Fermanagh.				
Enniskillen, . . .	17	1,632	0	0
Lisnaskea, . .	4	77	6	8
Total Ulster, 13 Unions,		18,920	18	8
PROVINCE OF MUNSTER.				
Co. Clare.				
Ballyvaghan, . . .	Union.	1,250	0	0
Corrofin, . . .	Union.	1,475	0	0
Ennis, ...	Union.	3,406	8	0
Ennistymon, . . .	19	3,096	0	0
Killadysert, . . .	Union.	1,726	2	6
Kilrush, . . .	Union.	4,800	0	0
Scariff, ...	17	1,898	16	0
Tulla, ...	Union.	1,360	0	0

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A.—Amounts applied for by Boards of Guardians—*continued.*

Unions.	No. of Electoral Divisions in respect of which Loans have been applied for	Amount applied for by Guardians, 1881		
		£	s.	d.
PROVINCE OF MUNSTER—*continued.*				
Co. Cork.				
Bandon,	Union.	1,357	7	3
Bantry,	Union.	4,500	0	0
Castletown,	Union.	3,408	19	0
Clonakilty,	Union.	5,029	17	6
Cork,	27	2,530	0	0
Dunmanway,	15	5,000	0	0
Fermoy,	Union.	2,890	16	0
Kanturk,	Union.	4,904	0	0
Kinsale,	Union.	2,000	0	0
Macroom,	24	5,197	15	0
Mallow,	Union.	4,000	0	0
Midleton,	Union.	2,158	0	0
Millstreet,	Union.	5,069	0	0
Mitchelstown,	Union.	3,491	5	0
Skibbereen,	Union.	8,173	4	0
Skull,	Union.	4,000	0	0
Youghal,	Union.	2,223	6	11
Co. Kerry.				
Cahirciveen,	Union.	7,063	10	0
Dingle,	Union.	5,476	1	9
Kenmare,	Union.	5,000	0	0
Killarney,	Union.	8,195	0	0
Listowel,	Union.	5,761	0	0
Tralee,	Union.	10,000	0	0
Co. Limerick.				
Croom,	Union.	1,821	0	0
Glin,	–	5,000	0	0
Kilmallock,	Union.	4,102	16	0
Limerick,	Union.	6,000	0	0
Newcastle,	Union.	3,806	0	0

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A.—Amounts applied for by Boards of Guardians—*continued.*

Union.	No. of Electoral Divisions in respect of which Loans have been applied for	Amount applied for by Guardians, 1881		
		£	s.	d.
PROVINCE OF MUNSTER—*continued.*				
Co. Tipperary.				
Carrick-on-Suir,	9	170	0	0
Clogheen,	13	1,276	8	0
Clonmel,	4	437	0	0
Nenagh,	Union.	4,362	8	6
Roscrea,	27	1,585	16	8
Tipperary,	Union.	4,531	0	0
Co. Waterford.				
Dungarvan,	Union.	2,951	18	9
Kilmacthomas,	15	840	9	3
Lismore,	Union.	1,335	0	0
Waterford,	14	400	0	0
Total Munster, 46 Unions,		165,061	6	1
PROVINCE OF LEINSTER.				
Co. Carlow.				
Carlow,	16	1,343	0	0
Co. Kilkenny.				
Castlecomer,	Union.	788	8	0
Thomastown,	7	80	6	0
King's Co.				
Edenderry,	4	150	0	0
Parsonstown,	24	962	10	0
Co. Longford.				
Ballymahon,	Union.	1,024	8	0
Granard,	30	2,298	0	0
Longford,	16	2,631	3	0
Co. Louth.				
Drogheda,	8	380	0	3

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A.—Amounts applied for by Boards of Guardians—*continued.*

Unions	No. of Electoral Divisions in respect of which Loans have been applied for	Amount applied for by Guardians, 1891		
		£	s.	d.
PROVINCE OF LEINSTER—*continued.*				
Co. Meath.				
Kells,	10	400	0	0
Navan,	11	360	16	0
Oldcastle,	13	900	0	0
Trim,	18	500	0	0
Queen's Co.				
Abbeyleix,	4	130	0	0
Mountmellick,	3	355	10	0
Co. Westmeath.				
Athlone,	31	1,600	0	0
Co. Wexford.				
New Ross,	37	1,428	8	9
Co. Wicklow.				
Baltinglass,	23	1,029	10	0
Rathdrum,	7	264	0	0
Total, Leinster, 19 Unions,		16,626	0	0
PROVINCE OF CONNAUGHT.				
Co. Galway.				
Ballinasloe,	19	825	12	0
Clifden,	Union.	5,000	0	0
Galway,	25	5,000	0	0
Glennamaddy,	Union.	2,297	0	0
Gort,	Union.	1,804	5	0
Loughrea,	Union.	3,226	0	0
Mount Bellew,	13	1,264	8	0
Oughterard,	Union.	3,250	0	0
Portumna,	Union.	1,128	0	0
Tuam,	33	3,000	0	0

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A.— Amounts applied for by Boards of Guardians—*continued.*

Union	No. of Electoral Divisions in respect of which Loans have been applied for	Amount applied for by Guardians, 1881.		
PROVINCE OF CONNAUGHT—*continued.*		£	s.	d.
Co. Leitrim.				
Carrick-on-Shannon,	Union.	2,079	12	0
Manorhamilton,	Union.	4,192	0	0
Mohill,	Union.	1,714	0	0
Co. Mayo.				
Ballina,	Union.	1,990	0	0
Ballinrobe,	17	1,122	17	6
Belmullet,	Union.	4,332	0	0
Castlebar,	Union.	2,533	6	8
Claremorris,	Union.	1,600	0	0
Swineford,	Union.	5,632	0	0
Westport,	Union.	7,724	0	0
Co. Roscommon.				
Boyle,	Union.	3,000	0	0
Castlerea,	18	3,000	0	0
Roscommon,	Union.	1,200	0	0
Strokestown,	17	1,314	12	6
Co. Sligo.				
Dromore West,	14	2,500	0	0
Sligo,	Union.	3,500	0	0
Tobercurry,	20	1,884	16	0
Total, Connaught, 27 Unions,		£76,114	9	8

Summary of Provinces.

Province.	No. of Unions in respect of which Applications have been made.	Amount applied for by Guardians, 1881.		
		£	s.	d.
Ulster,	13	18,920	18	8
Munster,	46	165,061	6	1
Leinster,	19	16,626	0	0
Connaught,	27	76,114	9	8
Total, Ireland,	105	276,722	14	5

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B.—Unions in which Loans have been Recommended.

Unions.	Amount recommended to Board of Works		
	£	s.	d.
PROVINCE OF ULSTER.			
Co. Cavan.			
Bailieborough,	800	0	0
Bawnboy,	812	0	0
Cavan,	2,700	0	0
Co. Donegal.			
Ballyshannon,	3,247	0	0
Donegal,	1,636	0	0
Dunfanaghy,	406	0	0
Letterkenny,	200	0	0
Milford,	198	12	0
Stranorlar,	300	0	0
Co. Fermanagh.			
Enniskillen,	1,632	0	0
Lisnaskea,	77	6	8
Total, 11 Unions,	£12,008	18	8
PROVINCE OF MUNSTER			
Co. Clare.			
Ballyvaghan,	1,239	0	0
Corrofin,	1,475	0	0
Ennis,	3,406	8	0
Kilrush,	3,237	10	0
Tulla,	1,300	10	0
Co. Cork.			
Bandon,	1,357	7	3
Bantry,	3,992	0	0
Castletown,	3,180	16	0
Clonakilty,	5,029	17	6
Cork,	2,530	0	0

Unions	Amount recommended to Board of Works		
	£	s.	d.
PROVINCE OF MUNSTER—*continued.*			
Co. Cork—*continued.*			
Fermoy,	2,890	16	0
Kanturk,	4,904	0	0
Kinsale,	2,000	0	0
Macroom,	5,197	15	0
Mallow,	4,000	0	0
Midleton,	2,158	0	0
Millstreet,	5,069	0	0
Mitchelstown,	3,491	5	0
Skibbereen,	8,173	4	0
Skull,	4,000	0	0
Youghal,	2,223	6	11
Co. Kerry.			
Cahersiveen,	7,063	10	0
Dingle,	5,476	1	9
Listowel,	5,761	0	0
Tralee,	10,000	0	0
Co. Limerick.			
Croom,	1,821	0	0
Kilmallock,	4,102	16	0
Newcastle,	3,806	0	0
Co. Tipperary.			
Carrick-on-Suir,	170	0	0
Clogheen,	1,276	8	0
Clonmel,	437	0	0
Nenagh,	4,362	8	6
Roscrea,	1,585	16	8
Tipperary,	4,531	0	0

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B.—Unions in which Loans have been Recommended—*continued.*

Unions.	Amount recommended to Board of Works		
	£	s	d.
PROVINCE OF MUNSTER—*continued.*			
Co. Waterford.			
Dungarvan,	2,951	18	9
Lismore,	1,335	0	0
Waterford,	400	0	0
Total, 37 Unions,	£125,935	15	4
PROVINCE OF LEINSTER.			
Co. Carlow.			
Carlow,	1,113	0	0
Co. Kilkenny.			
Castlecomer,	788	8	0
Thomastown,	80	6	0
King's Co.			
Parsonstown,	962	10	0
Co. Longford.			
Ballymahon,	1,024	8	0
Granard,	2,298	0	0
Longford,	2,631	3	0
Co. Louth.			
Drogheda,	380	0	3
Co. Meath.			
Kells,	210	0	0
Navan,	360	16	0
Oldcastle,	839	14	0
Trim,	440	0	0

Unions	Amount recommended to Board of Works		
	£	s.	d.
PROVINCE OF LEINSTER—*continued.*			
Queen's Co.			
Mountmelick,	355	10	0
Co. Wexford.			
New Ross,	1,428	8	9
Total, 14 Unions,	£12,912	4	0
PROVINCE OF CONNAUGHT.			
Co. Galway.			
Ballinasloe,	825	12	0
Clifden,	5,000	0	0
Glennamaddy,	2,297	0	0
Gort,	1,804	5	0
Mount Bellew,	1,264	8	0
Oughterard,	3,050	0	0
Tuam,	3,000	0	0
Co. Leitrim.			
Carrick-on-Shannon,	2,079	12	0
Manorhamilton,	4,192	0	0
Mohill,	1,704	7	6
Co. Mayo.			
Ballina,	1,990	0	0
Ballinrobe,	1,122	17	6
Belmullet,	4,332	0	0
Castlebar,	2,533	6	8
Claremorris,	1,600	0	0
Swineford,	5,632	0	0
Westport,	7,724	0	0

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B.—Unions in which Loans have been Recommended—*continued.*

Unions.	Amount recommended to Board of Works.			Unions.	Amount recommended to Board of Works.		
PROVINCE OF CONNAUGHT—*continued.*	£	s.	d.	PROVINCE OF CONNAUGHT—*continued.*	£	s.	d.
Co. Roscommon.				Co. Sligo.			
Boyle, . . .	2,958	10	0	Sligo, . . .	3,500	0	0
Roscommon, . .	1,110	15	0	Tobercurry, . .	1,884	16	0
Strokestown, . .	1,314	12	6	Total, 22 Unions, .	£60,920	2	2

Summary of Provinces.

Province.	No. of Unions.	Amount recommended to Board of Works		
		£	s.	d.
Ulster, . . .	11	12,008	18	8
Munster, . . .	37	125,935	15	4
Leinster, . . .	14	12,912	4	0
Connaught, . . .	22	60,920	2	2
TOTAL, IRELAND, .	84	£211,777	0	2

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(3.)—Summary of Information received by the Local Government Board for been most affected by the

County.	Union.	Average Poor Rate.	Electoral Divisions where the worst effects were manifested.	Poor Rate in these Electoral Divisions.	Extent of failure in these Electoral Divisions.	State of other Crops.
		s. d.		s. d.		
Donegal,	Donegal,	0 11	Tawnawully,	0 10	From one-half to two-thirds of crop lost.	Good, but somewhat damaged by rain.
			Binbane,	1 2		
			Bonnyglen,	0 10		
Do.,	Dunfanaghy,	1 11	Dunlewy,	2 4	do.	Fair,
			Magheraclogher,	2 3		
			Meenaclady,	2 6		
			Gortahork,	1 6		
Do.,	Glenties,	2 2	Every division considerably affected. Worst divisions :—		From one-fourth to nine-tenths lost.	Fair; oats much damaged in some places.
			Kilgoly,	2 0		
			Glencolumbkille,	3 0		
			Kilcar,	2 8		
Do.,	Inishowen,	1 9	Carthage,	2 0	From one-third to one-half lost.	Fair,
			Dunaff,	1 8		
			Straid,	1 8		
			Mintiaghs,	1 2		
Do.,	Stranorlar,	0 10	Cloghan,	1 0	About one-half.	Fair,
			Altnapaste.	1 0		
			Goland,	0 6		
Leitrim,	Carrick-on-Shannon.	1 6	Cloonteem,	1 2	From half to two-thirds of crop lost.	Good,
			Kilmore,	1 2		
			Aghacashel,	1 4		
Do.,	Manorhamilton,	1 4	Mahanagh,	1 4	About half crop lost.	Do.,
			Cloonclare,	0 9		
			Glenfarm,	1 1		
			Garvagh,	1 2		
			Kiltyclogher,	1 9		
Cavan,	Bawnboy,	1 1	About the same results throughout the union.	–	About one-half the crop lost.	Fair,
Sligo,	Dromore West,	0 11	Buncrowey,	0 10	From one-half to two-thirds lost.	Good,
			Dromore,	0 10		
			Easkey,	0 10		
			Mullagheruse,	0 10		
			Aughris,	1 4		
			Rathmacurkey,	1 5		
Do.,	Sligo,	1 3	Lissadill, East,	0 9	do.,	do.,
			do., West,	1 11		
			Cliffony, North,	1 8		
			do., South,	0 10		
Do.,	Tobercurry,	1 6	Glendarragh,	0 10	do.,	do.,
			Breencorragh,	1 8		
			Kilmacteige,	1 10		
			Aclare,	1 0		
			Achonry, East,	3 0		
			Banada,	3 4		
Mayo,	Ballina,	1 11	Attymass, East,	1 11	do.,	do.,
			do., West,	1 8		
			Kilgarvan,	1 10		
			Sallymount,	1 3		
			Sraheen,	2 3		

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IRELAND as to the CONDITION of the POORER CLASSES in UNIONS which have FAILURE of the POTATO CROP.

Turf Supply	Other resources of the people	Valuation of the Union 1880.	Population of the Union. 1881.
		£	
Small supply; quality bad, .	About the usual quantity cattle, sheep, pigs, fowl. Home industries—Knitting, embroidery, &c., below average. Railway works now open.	34,503	25,813
Sufficient; quality fair, .	Usual quantity of cattle, sheep, pigs; much disease among fowl last season; fishing, kelp making, labour in England and Scotland up to average; home industries rather below.	11,496	16,721
Sufficient, except in a few localities.	Usual quantity of cattle, sheep, and fowl; pigs scarce; home industries rather below average.	20,442	37,551
Sufficient, ...	Usual quantity of cattle and sheep; pigs and fowl scarce; fishing; Scotch earnings up to average last season; home industries below average.	39,095	33,404
Insufficient in many districts.	Usual quantity of stock; Scotch earnings last year up to average; home industries fair.	30,412	17,449
Bad quality; insufficient in places.	Usual quantity of cattle, sheep, and fowl; pigs scarce.	48,183	26,051
Bad quality; scarce, . .	Do., do.	43,665	29,135
Scarce, ...	Do., do.	40,065	23,181
Ample, ...	Usual amount of live stock and fowl; last season's earnings in England fully up to average.	36,916	17,349
Sufficient, except in Innismurray Island.	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; last season's fishing fair to average; season commences about May; railway works in progress.	99,269	46,063
Sufficient, ...	Usual quantity of live stock; pigs scarce; last season's earnings in England up to average; railway works now in progress.	40,782	25,721
Sufficient, ...	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; pigs very scarce; railway works in progress.	49,314	30,720

NOTE.—By "usual" quantity of live stock is meant the amount which the people are possessed of in ordinary years.

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(3.)—Summary of Information received by the Local Government Board for been most affected by the

County.	Union.	Average Poor Rate.	Electoral Divisions where the worst effects were manifested.	Poor Rate in these Electoral Divisions.	Extent of failure in these Electoral Divisions.	State of other Crops.
		s. d.		s. d.		
Mayo, . .	Ballinrobe, .	1 2	Ballinchalla, . .	1 10	From one-third to one-half crop lost.	Fair, . . .
			Ballyovey, . .	1 10		
			Cappaghduff, . .	2 2		
			Owenbrin, . .	2 9		
Do., . .	Belmullet, . .	3 4	Nearly the same results all over Union.	—	About three-fourths of crop lost.	do., . . .
Do., . .	Castlebar, . .	1 3	Addergoole, . .	1 9	About one-half crop lost.	Good, . .
			Ballynagoraher, . .	1 2		
			Cloonkeen, . .	1 5		
			Tawnynagry, . .	1 3		
Do., . .	Claremorris, .	1 6	Murneen, . . .	1 2	do., .	do., . . .
			Bekan, . . .	1 6		
			Culnacleha, . .	1 4		
Do., . .	Killala, . .	1 4	Ballycastle, . .	1 7	Nearly two-thirds lost.	do., . . .
			Beldergmore, . .	1 9		
			Lackan, North, . .	1 2		
			Do., South, . .	1 4		
Do., . .	Swineford, . .	3 0	Much the same results throughout Union.	—	do., .	do., . . .
Do., . .	Westport, . .	1 10	Clare Island, . .	2 9	About five-sixths of crop lost in Achill Island, Clare Island, and Inisturk. In other divisions from one-half to two-thirds lost.	do., . . .
			Achill, . . .	4 0		
			Dooega, . . .	4 0		
			Slievemore, . .	2 6		
			Aillemore, . .	2 4		
			Emlagh, . . .	1 8		
			Louisburg, . .	2 1		
			Kilsallagh, . .	1 7		
			Kilgeever, . .	1 1		
Roscommon, .	Boyle, .	1 5	Tivannagh, . .	1 9	About one-half of crop lost.	do., . .
			Kilcolagh, . .	1 9		
			Mantua, . . .	1 3		
			Kilfree, . . .	1 0		
			Cuilmore, . . .	1 10		
Do., . .	Castlerea, . .	1 0	Ballaghaderreen, .	1 0	More than one-half crop lost.	do., . . .
			Artagh, North, . .	1 6		
			Do., South, . .	1 8		
			Fairymount, . .	2 0		
			Edmondstown, . .	0 8		
Do., . .	Strokestown, .	1 9	Rooskey, . . .	3 0	do., .	Very good, . .
			Kilavackan, . .	1 7		
			Annaghmore, . .	2 6		
Galway, .	Ballinasloe, .	1 4	Ballydangan, . .	1 10	From one-third to one-half lost.	Fair average, . .
			Carrowreagh, . .	2 2		
			Cloonburren, . .	2 2		
			Culliagh, . . .	1 6		
			Creagh, . . .	2 0		
			Moore, . . .	1 8		

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IRELAND as to the CONDITION of the POORER CLASSES in UNIONS which have FAILURE of the POTATO CROP—*continued.*

Turf Supply.	Other resources of the people.	Valuation of the Union. 1889.	Population of the Union. 1891
		£	
Sufficient; quality inferior, .	Usual amount of cattle, sheep, pigs, and fowl; rather good class of cattle.	60,327	28,130
Ample and good, . . .	Rather more than usual quantity of live stock; pigs scarce; fishing last season fair; cod and ling fishing begins in March. Fishing in full swing from May.	10,835	16,451
Sufficient, ...	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; pigs scarce; earnings last year in England fair.	46,574	32,272
do., ...	Occupiers of small holdings have usual amount of live stock; pigs scarce; migratory labourers had an excellent season; railway works in progress.	42,732	31,926
Sufficient and good, . .	Usual quantity of live stock, &c.; fishing up to average last year; season commences in May; railway works now open.	20,368	10,156
do., ...	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; pigs very scarce; migratory labourers had an excellent season; large numbers employed on railway works.	41,048	53,714
Sufficient, but inferior in quality.	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; pigs rather scarce; fishing and earnings in England last year up to average; large numbers employed on railway works.	44,155	40,974
Sufficient, and fair quality, .	Usual quantity of live stock, fowl, &c.; pigs scarce; very good class of cattle.	74,335	41,215
Ample, ...	Usual quantity of cattle, sheep, and fowl; pigs scarce; English earnings last year equal to average; occupiers of small holdings have a valuable class of cattle.	73,085	43,442
Ample and good, . . .	Usual quantity of cattle, sheep, &c.; occupiers of small holdings have very few pigs.	50,813	21,734
Good and sufficient, . . .	Usual quantity of live stock, &c.; sale of turf unusually profitable.	77,810	22,839

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County.	Union.	Average Poor Rate.	Electoral Divisions where the worst effects were manifested	Poor Rate in these Electoral Divisions	Extent of failure in these Electoral Divisions	State of other Crops.
		s. d.		s. d.		
Galway,	Clifden,	3 5	Nearly same results all over the Union.	—	Nearly three-fourths lost, and more in Islands.	Fair; oat crop rather inferior.
Do.,	Galway,	2 0	Barnagh, Furbough, Kilcummin, Selerna, Spiddle, Inishmore,	1 6 2 6 2 0 2 0 1 10 2 5	About one-half crop lost.	Generally good,
Do.,	Glennamaddy,	1 9	Much the same results all over Union.	—	do.,	Good average,
Do.,	Gort,	1 9	do.,	—	About one-third of the crop lost.	do.,
Do.,	Loughrea,	1 3	Derrylaur, Loughatorick, Woodford,	2 0 2 2 3 2	From one-third to one-half of crop lost.	Fair,
Do.,	Mount Bellew,	1 2	Much the same results over the Union.	—	About one-third of crop lost.	do.,
Do.,	Oughterard,	3 2	Camus, Gorumna, Crumpaun, Lettermore, Turlough,	6 0 4 0 4 6 4 6 4 6	Nearly three-fourths of crop lost.	Almost up to the average.
Do.,	Tuam,	1 6	Killeen, Ryehill, Dunmore, Milltown, Levally, Clonbern,	1 0 1 1 1 9 1 4 1 11 1 2	From one-third to one-half.	Well up to average,
Clare,	Ballyvaghan,	2 3	Abbey, Drumcreehy, Derreen, Gleninagh, Oughtmama,	2 8 2 10 2 11 3 0 2 5	About one-half.	Very good,
Do.,	Ennistymon,	2 6	Kilfenora, Ennistymon, Liscannor, Miltown Malbay, Moy, Ballyvaskin, Ballysteen,	2 0 3 10 2 4 3 8 2 2 2 2 1 8	About three-fifths of crop lost.	About up to the average.
Do.,	Killadysert,	2 3	Liscasey, Clondegad,	3 10 2 10	do.,	do.,
Do.,	Kilrush,	3 3	Moyarta, Moveen, Glenmore, Cahermurphy, Kilmihil, Cooraclare, Kilballyowen, Rahona, Tullig,	2 11 3 0 2 5 2 7 2 9 3 1 3 1 3 8 2 8	About two-thirds of the crop lost.	Fair average crop,

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Turf Supply.	Other resources of the people.	Valuation of the Union. 1883.	Population of the Union. 1881.
		£	
Sufficient; quality inferior, .	Usual quantity of stock and poultry; pigs rather scarce; kelp-making, fishing, and sale of turf about equal to the average; railway works now in progress.	17,464	24,259
Supply fair; quality rather inferior.	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; fishing and kelp-making up to average; sale of turf profitable this year; railway works in progress.	65,818	43,101
Good and sufficient, . .	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; fairly good class of cattle; price and demand fair.	31,748	19,974
Sufficient; quality inferior, .	do., do.,	43,110	16,612
Supply somewhat short, .	do., do.,	76,245	25,237
Sufficient, but inferior in quality.	do., do.,	40,352	17,915
Sufficient, but rather inferior,	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; fishing and kelp-making last season up to average; sale of turf unusually profitable; railway works in progress.	14,846	20,705
Fairly good and sufficient, .	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; migratory labourers had a fair season.	76,768	39,832
Sufficient, but inferior in quality.	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; fishing season good.	19,753	5,554
Sufficient, but badly saved, .	About the usual quantity of live stock and fowl; pigs rather scarce; fishing and kelp-making about up to the average.	36,962	22,786
Sufficient, and fairly well saved,	About the usual amount of live stock and fowl; pigs scarce.	25,380	11,839
do., . .	About usual quantity of live stock and fowl; pigs rather scarce; fishing about up to average; regular season commences in April; long line fishing has begun.	52,830	35,095

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County.	Union	Average Poor Rate.	Electoral Divisions where the worst effects were manifested.	Poor Rate in these Electoral Divisions.	Extent of failure in these Electoral Divisions.	State of other Crops.
		s. d.		s. d.		
Clare, . .	Scariff, . .	2 1	Cappaghbane, . .	3 3	About two-fifths of crop lost.	Very good, . .
			Cloonusker, . .	1 11		
			Boherglass, . .	2 9		
			Corlea, . . .	2 7		
			Cahermurphy, . .	3 3		
Do., . .	Tulla, . .	1 11	Glendree, . . .	2 8	From half to three-fourths of crop lost.	Fairly good, . .
			Kiltannon, . .	1 4		
			Newgrove, . .	2 2		
			Caher, . . .	1 4		
			Killanena, . .	2 5		
			Loughea, . . .	2 5		
Kerry, .	Dingle, . .	3 5	Much the same results all over Union.	—	About one-third of crop lost.	Good, . . .
Do., .	Kenmare, . .	3 2	do., .	—	do.,	do., . . .
Cork, . .	Bantry, . .	1 9	Kilcaskan, . .	2 6	Less than one-half crop lost.	do., . . .
			Durrus, West, . .	1 11		
			Seefin, . . .	2 2		
			Glengariffe, . .	2 1		
Do., .	Castletown, .	2 9	Addergoole, . .	2 8	About one-half crop lost.	Fairly good, . .
			Coulagh, . . .	4 6		
			Kilcatherine, . .	2 8		
Do., . .	Clonakilty, . .	1 8	Courtmacsherry, .	2 3	From one-half to three-fourths crop lost.	Good, . . .
			Templeomalus, . .	2 0		
			Ardfield, . . .	1 4		
			Abbeymahon, . .	1 11		
			Butlerstown, . .	1 3		
Do. .	Dunmanway, .	1 9	About the same result over the Union.	—	About one-half crop lost.	Good; oat crop somewhat injured by weather.
Do., . .	Kanturk, . .	2 7	About the same results throughout Union.	—	Over one-half crop lost.	About equal to average.
Do., . .	Skibbereen, .	3 0	Myross, . . .	3 1	About one-half crop lost.	Good, . . .
			Castlehaven, South, .	2 9		
			Tullagh, . . .	2 9		
			Aghadown, South, .	3 2		
Do., . .	Skull, . .	2 7	Dunmanus, . .	2 4	do., .	do., . . .
			Goleen, . . .	2 8		
			Toormore, . . .	2 8		

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IRELAND as to the CONDITION of the POORER CLASSES in UNIONS which have FAILURE of the POTATO CROP—*continued.*

Turf Supply	Other resources of the people	Valuation of the Union 1889	Population of the Union 1881
		£	
Sufficient, but not well saved,	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; pigs scarce, class of cattle inferior.	26,265	13,294
do., . . .	do., do., .	33,441	13,261
Insufficient in some localities,	Quantity of live stock and fowl rather above the usual amount; fishing about up to average; regular season commences in March.	22,919	20,142
do., . . .	Do., do. Railway works in progress.	19,601	18,790
Plentiful, ...	Rather below the usual quantity of live stock and fowl; last season's fishing fair; fishing commences in March.	22,646	16,229
Quality good, . .	do., do., .	12,029	13,634
Very little turf in this Union,	Migratory labourers had fair season; usual quantity of live stock and fowl; pigs scarce; fishing up to average.	51,045	25,649
Rather short, . . .	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl, . .	33,633	17,428
Rather short; badly saved,	Usual quantity of live stock, fowl, &c., . .	77,284	30,034
Turf not much used, . .	Quantity of live stock and fowl somewhat below usual amount, railway works now in progress.	47,173	32,280
Good and plentiful, . .	Usual quantity of live stock and fowl; fishing last season up to average; regular fishing season commences at end of March.	15,159	12,369

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